

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 ANTANA 00894 120903Z  
ACTION AF-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 INR-07 NSAE-00  
PA-01 USIA-06 PRS-01 SP-02 /028 W  
-----130622Z 048516 /11  
R 120703Z MAY 77  
FM AMEMBASSY ANTANANARIVO  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9210

C O N F I D E N T I A L ANTANANARIVO 0894

E.O. 11652:N/A - DECLASSIFIED UPON RECEIPT  
TAGS: PINT, MA  
SUBJECT: MADAGASCAR LOCAL ELECTIONS: THE PATTERN CONTINUES

REF: ANTANANARIVO 0640 AND PREVIOUS

1. NOT SURPRISINGLY, PATTERN SET IN MARCH 20 AND SUBSEQUENT LOCAL ELECTIONS WAS REPEATED IN ELECTIONS MAY 8 TO CHOOSE POPULAR COUNCILS FOR 104 FIVONDRONAM-POKONTANY (FORMER SUB-PREFECTURES AND MUNICIPAL COUNCILS). WITH ELECTION RESULTS 29 PER CENT COMPLETE, PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA'S PARTY AREMA HAS TAKEN 79 PER CENT OF THE ABAILABLE SEATS, LEAVING 20 PER CENT TO THE AKFM. AKFM HAS CAPTURED 27 OF THE 40 SEATS ON THE ANTANANARIVO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL AND ABOUT 28 PER CENT OF THE SEATS IN ANTANANARIVO PROVINCE. IN SEVERAL AREAS, VONJY AND UDECMA HAVE RUN COALITION CANDIDATES WITH THE AKFM SO THAT SOME APPARENT AKFM VICTORIES RECORDED ABOVE ARE IN FACT COALITION VICTORIES. AS THEY HAVE DONE IN ALL BUT THE FIRST ELECTIONS MARCH 20, MONIMA DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE MAY 8 ELECTIONS, ALTHOUGH IN MAJUNGA THEY REPORTEDLY ENCOURAGED THEIRUVT SUPPORTERS TO VOTE FOR THE AKFM/VONJY COALITON.

2. NEXT MAJOR ELECTION WILL BE ON MAY 29 WHEN NEWLY ELECTED FIVONDRONAM-POKONTANY POPULAR COUNCILS WILL CHOOSE THE 6 FARITANY (OR PROVINCE) POPULAR COUNCILS. IT IS EXPECTED THAT GENERAL ELECTIONS FOR NATIONAL POPULAR ASSEMBLY WILL  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 ANTANA 00894 120903Z

OCCUR SOMETIME DURING JUNE.

3. COMMENT: WELL ESTABLISHED PATTERN WILL PROBABLY REPEAT ITSELF ONCE AGAIN IN MAY 29TH ELECTION. EMBASSY FINDS INTERESTING THE COALITION OF THE THREE MINORITY PARTIES IN THEIR ATTEMPT TO SLOW THE AREMA STEAM ROLLER. IT APPEARS THAT WHAT WE HAVE HERE IS A DE FACTO OPPOSITION PARTY DEVELOPING

WITHIN THE NATIONAL FRONT.SMITH

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** ELECTION RESULTS, LOCAL ELECTIONS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Sent Date:** 12-May-1977 12:00:00 am  
**Decaption Date:** 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 22 May 2009  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1977ANTANA00894  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** DG ALTERED  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D770168-0966  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** ANTANANARIVO  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1977/newtext/t19770567/aaaacfrh.tel  
**Line Count:** 63  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** 32ebb695-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ACTION AF  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 77 ANTANANARIVO 640  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 04-Feb-2005 12:00:00 am  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 2555188  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** MADAGASCAR LOCAL ELECTIONS: THE PATTERN CONTINUES  
**TAGS:** PINT, MA  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/32ebb695-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
22 May 2009  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009